

REMARKS

Claims 1-5, 7-13 and 15-22 are now pending. Claims 1, 5, 7, 9, 13, 15 have been amended. Claims 17-22 have been added, however, no additional claims fees are necessary. Claims 6 and 14 have been canceled.

Drawings

The Patent Office objected to the drawings as being informal.

A new Figure 1 is being submitted with this response.

Claim Rejections - 35 U.S.C. § 102

The Patent Office rejected claims 1, 2, 4, 9, 10 and 12 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 5,802,314 by Tullis et al. ("Tullis").

Claim Rejections - 35 U.S.C. § 103

The Patent Office rejected claims 3, 5-8, 11 and 13-16 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 5,802,314 by Tullis et al. ("Tullis") in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,236,987 by Horowitz et al. ("Horowitz").

Applicants respectfully traverse both rejections. Applicants respectfully submit a *prima facie* case of anticipation or obviousness has not been established for any one of claims 1, 5, 7, 9, 13 and 15. Anticipation requires the disclosure in a single prior art reference of each element of the claim under consideration. *W.L. Gore & Assocs. v. Garlock*, 721 F.2d 1540, 220 USPQ 303 (Fed. Cir. 1983), *cert. denied*, 469 U.S. 851 (1984). Further, "anticipation requires the presence in a single prior art reference disclosure of each and every element of the claimed invention, arranged as in the claim." *Lindemann Maschinenfabrik GmbH v. American Hoist & Derrick Co.*, 730 F.2d 1452, 221 USPQ 481, 485 (Fed. Cir. 1984) (citing *Connell v. Sears, Roebuck & Co.*, 722 F.2d 1542, 220 USPQ 193 (Fed. Cir. 1983)). Emphasis added. Additionally, to establish *prima facie* obviousness of a claimed invention, all the claim limitations must

be taught or suggested by the prior art. *In re Ryoka*, 180 U.S.P.Q. 580 (C.C.P.A. 1974). See also *In re Wilson*, 165 U.S.P.Q. 494 (C.C.P.A. 1970).

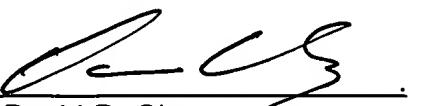
Applicant respectfully submits claims 1, 5, 7, 9, 13 and 15 include elements which have not been disclosed by Tullis or Horowitz, individually or in combination. For example, claims 1, 5, 7, 9, 13 and 15 recite converting messages from one medium to another, wherein the conversion of messages is based upon a set of user-definable parameters, said set of user-definable parameters including priority and summarization rules. Tullis and Horowitz, individually or in combination, fail to teach, disclose or suggest converting messages from one medium to another, wherein the conversion of messages is based upon a set of user-definable parameters, said set of user-definable parameters including priority and summarization rules. For instance, Tullis describes conversion of messages in Column 14 line 25 to Column 15, line 6, but fails to teach, disclose, or suggest conversion of messages based upon a set of user-definable parameters. Consequently, an element of claims 1, 5, 7, 9, 13 and 15 has not been taught by Tullis or Horowitz, individually or in combination. Thus, claims 1-5, 7-13 and 15-22 should be allowed.

Conclusion

Applicants respectfully submit that all claims are allowable, and it is respectfully requested that the entire application now be passed to formal allowance.

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